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*Link Canyon Portal M&RP Permit Amendment*  
*Incoming*  
*C/041/002*  
*AM 02E*

Re: Link Canyon Portal M&RP Permit Amendment, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, SUFCO Mine C/041/002

Dear Permit Supervisor:

The enclosed eight copies of materials are being submitted to allow construction of a pad and access road to open up the Link Canyon Mine Portal for ventilation and emergency access for the mine in Link Canyon. Forms C1 and C2 are included showing changes needed in Chapters 1-5, and 7 and the associated Appendices.

Text pages for Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7 are only being submitted for the pages that have modifications. Text pages for Chapter 2 have been renumbered from page 2-8 to 2-29 to eliminate the extra "A" pages that have been previously submitted along with the pages that have been modified for this amendment. Several Appendices have been added to deal with the breakout and portal pad.

All the new disturbed area for the Link Canyon Portal facility area, which includes the portal area and powerline to the Link Canyon substation, is located within the present approved Permit area. The Baseline Information for the Permit Area which includes this part of Link Canyon such as Description of Hydrologic Resources and Characteristics, Ground Water-Surface Water, Ground and Surface Water Monitoring, Water Quality Data, Geology, Prime Farmland, Alluvial Valley Floors, and Maps are located in the SUFCO Mine M&RP. "SUFCO", "SUFCO Mine Area", "Mine Area" or "Permit Area" references in the present plan would also refer to and include the Link Canyon Portal facility area.

The Link Canyon Portal will need to be used as a ventilation intake and an escapeway for quick escape from the 4 East area of the mine in the event the mine requires evacuation and for emergency response to the Link Canyon Substation during power outages. Sediment control measures, reclamation and revegetation of the Link Canyon Portal area will be done the same way as the other portal breakouts approved in the MRP.

The proposed Link Canyon Portal area and powerline are needed for future mining of the northernmost reserves on the existing leases. A short access road and small earthen pad will need to be constructed to open up the Link Canyon Mine portal. The leveled pad area will be graveled and sloped where runoff will be treated with silt fence

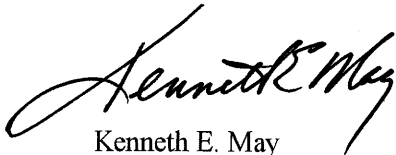
and/or straw bales before leaving the site. Out-slopes of the pad will be revegetated during the first fall season after the pad is constructed. During reclamation, the pad area and power poles will be removed and the pad will be reclaimed for its entire length by removing fill from beneath the pad area to the natural ground surface and placing the fill against the adjacent cut slope.

Canyon Fuel met with the Division of Water Quality concerning the historical discharge of water from the old Link Canyon Mine that has allowed willows and other riparian vegetation to be established near the portal and immediately down drainage. There may be a way to maintain the historical flow from the mine by isolating the flow from the easterly portion of the Link Canyon Mine from the newly established access portal with bulkheads and seals. Water would be collected from behind these seals and piped out the westerly portal to preserve the historical flow as such and not require a UPDES permit for the flows, because the water has been discharging from the mine for the last forty years. When the access portal is no longer needed in about ten years a seal would be placed between the Sufco workings and the Link Canyon workings prior to sealing the Link Canyon portal. Historical water flows would be allowed to continue to flow from the Link Canyon portal at the conclusion of operations.

The Link Canyon Portal access road and pad area reclamation costs have been included in the new bond calculations that are being submitted in a separate permit amendment using the new Division format for bond calculation.

A copy of the proposed Legal Notice newspaper advertisement is attached to this letter. Verification of the advertisement appearing in the appropriate newspapers will be submitted to the Division no later than 4 weeks after publication be added to Appendix 1-3 in Volume 4 of the MRP.

Sincerely,  
CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC  
SUFCO Mine



Kenneth E. May  
Mine Manager

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## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New Permit <input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	Transfer <input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration <input type="checkbox"/>	Bond Release <input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Number: C/041/002
Title of Proposal: AM02C Link Canyon Portal Opening Amendment						Mine: SUFCO MINE
						Permittee: CANYON FUEL CO., LLC

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

This permit amendment needs to be approved as soon as possible so that construction can be completed this summer.

**Instructions:** If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), this will be a Significant Revision and will require Public Notice.

X Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? <u>0.23</u> acres X increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO #
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
X Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
X Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV #
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
X Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
X Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
X Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
X Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
X Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
X Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
X Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	X No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

X Attach 8 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

Signed - Kenneth E. May, Mine Manager - Date 4/4/02Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of April, 2002

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
Attest: STATE OF  
COUNTY OF Sevier



**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
**JILL WHITE**  
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My Commission Expires  
March 28, 2004  
**STATE OF UTAH**

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# Application for Permit Processing

## Detailed Schedule of Changes to the MRP

Title of Application:    AM02C - Link Canyon Portal Opening Amendment.	Permit Number:    C/041/002 <hr/> Mine:    SUFCO MINE <hr/> Permittee:    CANYON FUEL CO., LLC
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Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit application. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the existing mining and reclamation plan. **Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.**

			DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Page 1-37 in Chapter 1, Volume 1 of MRP.
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Pages 2-2ii, 2-2iii, 2-8 to 2-23 in Chapter 2, Volume 1 of MRP.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Pages 2-24 to 2-29 in Chapter 2, Volume 1 of MRP.
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<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Pages 5-vi, 5-vii, 5-47 to 5-51, 5-54, 5-67, and 5-76 in Chapter 5, Volume 1 of MRP.
<input type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Pages 7-25 to 7-29, 7-37, 7-38, 7-53 to 7-58, 7-63A, 7-74 to 7-80 in Chapter 7, Volume 2 of MRP.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Add new Link Canyon Portal Soil Investigation Appendix 2-9, in Volume 4 of MRP.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Cultural Resource Evaluation addendum at back of Appendix 4-2, Volume 6 of MRP.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADD	<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE	<input type="checkbox"/> REMOVE	Add new pages of diversion ditch calculations at the back of Appendix 7-12, Volume 10 of MRP
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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?